

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 10 1200 Sixth Avenue Seattle, WA 98101

October 21, 1999

Reply To

Attn of: ECL-115

Mary Verner Spokane Tribe P.O. Box 100 Wellpinit, WA 99040

Dear Ms. Verner:

I appreciate the opportunity to have spoken with you regarding the Petition submitted by The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"). The Petition requests that EPA conduct a preliminary assessment (PA) of the hazards to public health and the environment associated with the release or threatened release of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant on lands which include the Colville Reservation and the Upper Columbia River Basin from the Canadian Border, southward through Lake Roosevelt, to the Grand Coulee Dam, encompassing the water, river- and lake-beds, and banks. A copy of the Petition is included as Enclosure 1.

As I mentioned during our conversation, EPA will be conducting multiple PAs in response to the Petition. The sites to be assessed are listed on Enclosure 2 and have been added to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System (CERCLIS) database. CERCLIS is a database used by EPA to track site-specific activities conducted under its Superfund Program.

EPA intends to coordinate its activities with the Spokane Tribe, as appropriate. Should you or members of your Office have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (206) 553-0323.

Sincerely,

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Monica Tonel Site Assessment Manager

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Enclosures



Site Name Location Description County Code / County EPA Site Identification Number

Bonanza Mine T37N R38E S2 & 11 Evans, WA 99126 065 Stevens WASFN1002164

Deep Creek Mine T39N R40E S26 NE1/4 N1/2 Northport, WA 99157 065 Stevens WASFN1002161

Grandview Mine
T39N R43E S14,15,22,30
Metaline Falls, WA 99152
051 Pend Oreille
WASFN1002165

Gregor Mine 1 mi N of City of Bossburg Bossburg, WA 99126 065 Stevens WASFN1002166

Knob Hill Mine T37N R32E S27 SE1/4 W1/2 Republic, WA 99166 019 Ferry WASFN1002163

Last Chance Mne T39N R40E S24 SE1/4 SW1/4 Northport, WA 99157 065 Stevens WASFN1002162

Pend Oreille Mine T39N R43E S10-11, 14-15 Metaline Falls, WA 99152 051 Pend Orielle WASFN1002160 US Gypsum City of Evans near Lake Roosevelt Evans, WA 99126 065 Stevens WASFN1002159

Columbia River RM 745 to 730 Between River Miles 745 & 730 Northport, WA 99157 065 Stevens WASFN1002167

Columbia River RM 730 to 710 Between River Miles 730 & 710 Evans, WA 99126 065 Stevens WASFN1002168

Columbia River RM 710 to 640
Between River Miles 710 to 640
Gifford, WA 99167

O65 Stevens
WASFN1002169

Columbia River RM 640 to 620 Between River Miles 640 & 620 Lincoln, WA 99147 043 Lincoln WASFN1002170

Columbia River RM 620 to 597 Between River Miles 620 & 597 Coulee Dam, WA 99116 025 Grant WASFN1002171

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